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For: PRODUCTION OF HUMAN PARATHYROID HORMONE FROM
MICROORGANISMS

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to an initial Action on the merits, Applicants request that the application in caption be amended as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-20, without prejudice, and add the following claim:

--21. A process for the production of substantially pure recombinant hPTH, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a microorganism that is engineered genetically to produce exogenous and intact hPTH (1-84);
- (b) expressing said intact hPTH (1-84) within said microorganism; and

Sup. [Signature]